

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : In the first visit they went to attend a conference of the inspecting officers. The Director visited Kottayam next for inspection of schools. The Deputy Director visited Kottayam for the inspection of English Schools.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : May I know how many schools were inspected ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN . That is given in the statement, Sir.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : I want to know from the member how many schools the Director and the Deputy Director visited in Kottayam ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : About 6 or 7.

Casual leave allowed to the employees of the Education Department,

52. *MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have reduced the number of days of casual leave allowed to the employees in the Education Department on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction and if so, what is the reduction and the reason therefor ;

(b) whether this reduction will apply to both men and women teachers equally ; and

(c) whether the women teachers had at any time more than 14 days' casual leave for an year ; and, if so, on what ground ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : (a) No.

(b) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(c) Yes ; for reasons of health.

Reduction of holidays for the Education Department.

53. *MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have reduced the number of holidays for schools on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction ; if so, the number of holidays so reduced ; and how many of them are Hindu holidays, how many Christian holidays and how many Mahomedan holidays ; and

(b) the basis on which the reduction was proposed and sanctioned ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : (a) Yes ; 26 days ; 13 Hindu holidays and 13 Christian holidays. The Mahomedan holidays were not reduced.

(b) In order that schools should maintain the minimum number of working days prescribed by the Education Code.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know from the member whether, in calculating those days, he has taken into consideration the Sundays during the midsummer holidays and Christmas holidays?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Yes.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know how many Sundays have been taken into consideration in considering the question of reduction of holidays?

PRESIDENT: All the Sundays of the year, undoubtedly. You can have them from the statement.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I want personal explanation, Sir. I do not think that the Director has taken into consideration the Sundays that fall during the midsummer and Christmas holidays. That I think is a miscalculation.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: There has been no miscalculation, Sir. The calculation is substantially accurate.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know whether any Hindu Officer has been consulted in the matter?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I claim notice.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: What were the Hindu holidays that were reduced?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: The Onam holidays were reduced from 13 to 10 days and the Newmoon holidays were abolished.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPIL: Are not the Onam holiday national holidays?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: What is the minimum number of working days fixed now?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: 175 days for English Schools and 170 days for Vernacular Schools.

Motor cars maintained at Bhaktivilas during 1108 and 1109.

54. * MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of motor cars set apart at Bhaktivilas for the personal use of the Dewan, his family and his office during 1108 and 1109;

(b) the cost of maintenance and upkeep, etc., of these cars during 1108 and in 1109 (till the end of Makaram);

(c) whether there is a separate mechanic employed at Bhaktivilas;

(d) what is the cost of maintenance, etc., per annum for each car as compared with similar expenditure per car in the Royal Stables; and